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28 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Personnel Director

FROM: Office of General Counsel

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

25X1A9a 1. In accordance with instructions from [REDACTED] I spoke with [REDACTED] on 23 April 1953, with a view to answering any questions he had concerning the functions of the Office of General Counsel and also to explain how this office intended to utilize his services, to wit: that he would be assigned to Training on their T/O for an indefinite period and would be made available to the Office of General Counsel as a trainee. At this time I informed him that he would have to take a Basic Intelligence Course as a Training prerequisite to reporting for duty here.

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25X1A9a 2. Immediately after my conversations with him he saw [REDACTED] of Training. The purpose of this meeting was to give Dr. [REDACTED] an opportunity to meet the individual and to work out the administrative details concerning his transfer. I called [REDACTED] on the afternoon of 23 April and told him I felt he, [REDACTED], could better evaluate the training requirements of this office and, therefore, would leave the decision as to what course [REDACTED] should take to him. I further stated that in my opinion I felt it would be better if House took the Basic Intelligence Course and at a later date, when convenient, we would attempt to get him additional courses. [REDACTED] agreed with this and we left it at that.

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25X1A9a 3. On 24 April, [REDACTED] saw me and told me he had seen Dr. [REDACTED] I informed [REDACTED] that I had spoken to [REDACTED] and that with regard to the type of training he was to take, it was my opinion that inasmuch as [REDACTED] was more eminently qualified to evaluate the type of training he would need for this office and furthermore, that since [REDACTED] knew what the course content of the various courses consisted of, I would leave the decision up to him. I told [REDACTED] that I felt the Basic Course would probably be better for him but that I would discuss it further with [REDACTED]

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25X1A9a 4. On the morning of 27 April 1953, [REDACTED]  
25X1A9a and told him in effect that the Office of General Counsel wanted him  
25X1A9a to take the operational course and that too, OGC had approved this.  
25X1A9a [REDACTED] in effect gave the distinct impression to [REDACTED] that OGC  
25X1A9a was making the decision and therefore [REDACTED] felt he should not  
25X1A9a reverse it. [REDACTED] further stated to [REDACTED] that 90% of his work  
25X1A9a with the Office of General Counsel would be covert in nature, which  
is entirely incorrect since I had explained the various functions of  
this office to [REDACTED] on 23 April.

25X1A9a 5. Immediately after [REDACTED] he saw me and told  
25X1A9a me that [REDACTED] had recommended that he take the OC course and  
25X1A9a that contrary to my instructions; to wit, that I felt [REDACTED]  
25X1A9a should handle the selection of course, [REDACTED] was throwing the  
25X1A9a decision to me. I called [REDACTED] immediately thereafter and was  
25X1A9a able to ascertain the following facts: [REDACTED] was misquoting me  
25X1A9a to [REDACTED] and misquoting [REDACTED] to me. In view of this, I  
25X1A9a felt that I should have a conference with Dr. [REDACTED] in order to  
25X1A9a evaluate [REDACTED] relative worth to this office.

25X1A9a 6. On 28 April, I called [REDACTED] and again asked him what Dr.  
25X1A9a [REDACTED] had said concerning the selection of a course and the following  
25X1A9a was [REDACTED] answer:

25X1A9a "...Remember when you first sent me over /to [REDACTED]  
you told me to sort of let him [REDACTED] / Run it and then  
he turned it exactly around and said let you run it and so  
I thought I'd find out what was in the courses and lay it  
on your desk and then let you do what you wished to with it."

25X1A9a When I related this to [REDACTED] on 28 April he was most amazed because  
25X1A9a he stated that [REDACTED] had definitely given him the impression that we in  
25X1A9a OGC had decided that he, [REDACTED], was to take the operational course and  
25X1A9a [REDACTED] felt that since it was our wish that [REDACTED] take the OC course  
25X1A9a he naturally demurred to our request. [REDACTED] thought that [REDACTED] was  
25X1A9a merely transmitting our desires to him.

25X1A9a 7. It is our conclusion that [REDACTED] has deliberately misquoted  
25X1A9a in order to achieve a desired result of his own. This office feels that  
25X1A9a in view of this it does not want to have [REDACTED] transferred to Train-  
25X1A9a ing for assignment to this office for on-the-job training. Training is  
25X1A9a cognizant of these facts and has left the decision to the Office of Gen-  
eral Counsel. Consequently, it is believed appropriate that this matter  
be referred to Personnel for action as you deem proper.

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